

CITY OF SAINT MARYS RESCHEDULED COUNCIL WORKSESSION

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CALL TO ORDER

The rescheduled Council worksession of the City of St. Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on August 30, 2007, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Mark Kopp, Sean Gabler, Richard Dornisch, and City Manager David Greene.

Absent: Steven Skok (excused)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Bob Bauer, Warren Stewart, Diane Cheatle, Chet Cheatle, Sally Wilson, Richard Sadley and Dan Hepner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 20, 2007

Mark Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2007, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor, except Dennis Nero who abstained.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Adoption
Ordinance No. 235 re:
Amending Chapter 15,
Parts 4 & 5 (Sections
501 & 502 and 402 B) of
the City Code

Ordinance No. 235 was presented amending various portions of Chapter 15, Parts 4 and 5 (Sections 501 & 502 and Section 402 Part B) of the City Code pertaining to on-street metered parking.

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 235, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 07-20
re: Infrastructure
Development grant for
the Industrial Park
access road (\$350,000.)

Resolution No. 07-20 was presented authorizing the filing of an Infrastructure Development grant in the amount of \$350,000. from the Department of Community and Economic Development to be used to improve the Industrial Park access road.

Manager Greene explained that Environmental Drive will be moved about 100 feet to the west. The road will give access to Quala-Die, Industrial Steel, Burkett Environmental, and St. Marys Equipment Company's warehouse.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07-20. The motion was seconded by Mark Kopp.

Dennis Nero questioned if this was a matching grant. Manager Greene responded that the money being spent on the Industrial Steel building is considered the match.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Resolution No. 07-20.

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**St. Marys Area Chamber
of Commerce re: Wing**

Sally Wilson, Executive Director of the St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce, requested permission to hold the 6th Annual "Wing Fling" on Friday, September 14, 2007. She also requested that City Council waive the "Open Container" law during the hours of the event which is approximately 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. to be held on Market Street, the Municipal Parking Lot between Market Street and South St. Marys St. (next to Gunners), and the sidewalks along this perimeter. Ms. Wilson stated the increased number of tickets has necessitated the erecting of larger tents this year. This in turn, will increase the amount of time it will take to set-up. Therefore, the Chamber is requesting permission to set-up the tents in the parking lot Thursday evening beginning around 6:00 p.m. She stated Gunners has been contacted and they were fine with this request. The remainder of the set-up would take place on Friday beginning at 1:00 p.m. at which time she requested Market Street be closed to traffic. Ms. Wilson also stated letters will be sent to the businesses on Market Street explaining the Chamber's plans.

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve all the Chamber's requests, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

**TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
Recycling Plan**

Thomas Farley stated he requested recycling be placed on the agenda because time is running out. He stated the Recycling Task Force Committee put together a "Recycling Proposal" for Council's review.

**Bob Bauer, Chairman
Recycling Task Force
Committee**

Bob Bauer, Chairman of the Recycling Task Force Committee, gave a very informative presentation on the background and the current status of the City's recycling program.

The Recycling Task Force Committee is proposing the following recommendations:

- (1) Advertise for the collection of curbside materials to include the following:**
 - curbside collection from the current areas with additional streets/roads.
 - the following items are to be collected twice a month from each household (eliminating the collection of newsprint which can be dropped off at the County containers): aluminum, glass, plastic #1 and #2 bottles.

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- Monthly tonnage reports to be submitted to the City's recycling office for each item collected and participating rate.
- Successful bidder will be responsible for the annual notification to each resident on the dates of collection.
- Two curbside recycling trucks will be available for use for the program and successful bidder is responsible for maintenance of both trucks as well as additional insurance coverage for their drivers.

(2) The consideration of charging a user fee of \$2.00 per month per household or an annual discounted fee of \$20. per year if paid in full by January 20th of each year for the following services: curbside collection service; compost site; spring clean-up; fall clean-up; and leaf collection

(3) The implementation date for the above changes to take place beginning January 1, 2008.

Thomas Farley questioned if clear and colored glass would be separated on the recycling truck. He was informed that colored glass would be separated from clear glass on the truck.

Bob Bauer noted that the agreement is still pending with the County regarding the new recycling truck. Manager Greene stated a letter was received from Russ Braun, of the Elk County Solid Water Authority, clarifying the agreement. The Manager will check the status of the agreement with the Recycling Coordinator.

Thomas Farley suggested that maybe a large container could be placed at one location for residents living on private roads instead of placing the smaller bins next to a public road. He stated there could be a problem with the smaller bins in the winter time when snow is piled along the roads.

Both Thomas Farley and Richard Dornisch felt "Leaf Collection" should be removed under item #2 because leaves are not collected as a service throughout the entire City.

A discussion followed regarding the \$2.00 charge for recycling services. It was noted that the current rate per household is included in the City's taxes, so everyone is paying for recycling now.

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Council expressed their concerns regarding the \$2.00 charge, such as: will the charge be billed and collected by the City or by the successful bidder; will it be collected once a year or twice a year; if a resident does not pay, how can the fee be collected; can a lien be placed on their property if the fee is billed by the successful bidder or can the unpaid bill be sent to the District Judge for collection. It was also noted that an ordinance would need to be adopted for the billing of the recycling fee.

Dennis Nero suggested that the Manager check with Solicitor French to see what the City can do if residents do not pay their recycling bill.

After a lengthy discussion, Richard Dornisch made a motion to accept this proposal as presented by the Recycling Task Force, if Council approves of it with the removal of "Leaf Collection" from the five items listed under services, so we can send it back to find out if it is acceptable with them and get going on the next part of the program. The motion was seconded by Sean Gabler and all were in favor.

Manager Greene stated the recycling bid specifications will be prepared and presented to Council for their review at their 2nd meeting in September. Bids will be let out in October with the bid being awarded in November, and ready to go in January, 2008.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Warren Stewart asked for clarification of the open containers for the "Wing Fling". He was informed that the open containers would only be in the "Wing Fling" area which was approved by Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dennis Nero asked if there was an update on the Senior Housing Project. Manager Greene stated the new Senior Housing facility is scheduled to open the end of October and that the Senior Center has agreed to move the center into the new building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Next Council Meeting will be held on September 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
- City's Clean-up Day will be held on September 22, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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- Trick or Treat night in St. Marys will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Porch light invitation only.
- Hometown Festival will be held on September 7, 8, and 9, 2007.
- At this time, Mayor Geyer read a proclamation designating September 22, 2007 as "Tamburitzans Day" in St. Marys.

Richard Dornisch felt the City should recognize the Canadian golfers who will be coming to St. Marys the end of September. He stated the golfers spend around \$40,000. to \$50,000. annually during their stay in St. Marys. Mr. Dornisch felt the City should fly a Canadian flag or banner welcoming them.

ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary